(b) if so, what are the projects envisaged by the State Government and Central Government for making use of the oil and gas explored in Tamil Nadu; and

(c) what are the details of each project and by when each will be executed?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI BRAHM DUTT): (a) A committee has been constituted by the Government of Tamil Nadu.

(b) and (c) Supply of gas has been committed to M/s Indian Steel Rolling Mills, Nagapattinam, Kiran Silicates, Puthamgudi, B&C Mills, Bhuvanagiri, Jayadevi Industries, Narimanam and for a 5 M.W. generating set of Tamil Nadu State Electricity Board.

Attainment of Self-Sufficiency in Oil Production

*387. SHRIMATI BIJOYA CHAKRAVARTY: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) by when the country expects to attain self-sufficiency in oil in view of Government's drive for enhanced production during recent years; and

(b) what will be the level of self-sufficiency in oil during 1989-90?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI BRAHM DUTT): (a) It is not possible to say with any degree of certainty as to when self-sufficiency will be achieved.

(b) About 61 per cent.

Use of Fly-Ash Produced by Thermal Power Plants

*392. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA:

SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY:

Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) what is the estimated quantity of fly-ash annually produced by the Thermal Power Plants in the country;

(b) whether it is a fact that Government have approved a project for utilising substantial part of the fly-ash produced by the Badarpur Thermal Power Plant in producing cost effective building material;

(c) if so, whether the project has been taken up; and

(d) whether similar projects are proposed to be taken up in other parts of the country also?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF POWER IN THE MINISTRY OF ENERGY (SHRI KALPNATH RAI): The quantity of fly ash produced by thermal power plants in the country was about 25 million tonnes in 1986-87 and about 30 million tonnes in 1987-88.

(b) and (c) The question of utilising substantial part of the fly-ash produced by the Badarpur Thermal Power Plant in producing cost effective building material is under consideration of Delhi Administration.

(d) Similar projects in other parts of the country would also be considered on merits as and when they are received by the Government.

Proposed Assam Refinery under Separate Corporate Structure

*393. DR. NAGEN SAIKIA: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state what is Government's reaction to the Assam Government's request for the setting up of another Refinery in Assam under a separate corporate structure with State Government's participation?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI BRAHM DUTT): *Prima-facia* it will be very difficult for the Government of India to find adequate resources if the refinery is to be set up through the formation of a new company exclusively for the purpose.